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SUBJECT: MISSILE TRACKING VESSEL TO BE STATIONED OFF
MOZAMBIQUE

1. LOCAL SHIPS AGENT, RENNIES' CONSOLIDATED (LM), LDA., RECEIVED COMMERCIAL CABLE FROM NEW YORK INDICATING 65 MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND INQUIRING RE POSSIBILITY RENNIES HUSBANDING MISSILE TRACKING VESSEL, USNS VANGUARD, WHICH IS TO BE STATIONED OFF MOZAMBIQUE FOR SIX TO NINE MONTHS WITH PROVISIONAL ARRIVAL HERE MID-APRIL. CABLE SAID VESSEL WOULD BE ON STATION AT SEA TWENTY-FIVE DAYS, IN PORT FIVE DAYS PER MONTH AND WOULD REQUIRE ESTIMATED NINE THOUSAND BARRELS NAVY SPECIAL OR ALTERNATIVELY BUNKER C FUEL. SERVICES DESIRED FROM RENNIES WOULD INCLUDE FRESH STORES, COLD STORAGE CHAMBERS, SECURITY STORAGE AREAS FOR EQUIPMENT, LAUNCH FOR EXCHANGE OF VESSELS PERSONNEL, SMALL STORES AND EQUIPMENT, HOUSEKEEPING SUPPLIES, ETC.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST ANY INFO DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE ON THIS MATTER, AS LENGTHY STATIONING US NAVAL VESSEL OFF MOZAMBIQUE MIGHT HAVE POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS BOTH HERE AND IN NEIGHBORING AFRICAN AREAS.

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